

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Days of Tuesday, November 29, 2022 and Wednesday, November 30, 2022)

Routine Proceedings, pages S6867–S6917

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5147–5156, and S. Res. 852–854. **Page S6905**

Measures Passed:

National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 853, recognizing November 2022 as “National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month”. **Page S6911**

Honoring individuals fighting and fallen in wildland fires: Senate agreed to S. Res. 854, honoring the individuals fighting and the individuals who have fallen responding to wildland fires during the ongoing 2022 wildfire season. **Page S6911**

Military Spouse Employment Act: Senate passed S. 4337, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6911–12**

Use of the Capitol rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 118, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and others who protected the Capitol on January 6, 2021. **Page S6912**

James D. Todd United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 4017, to designate the United States courthouse located at 111 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “James D. Todd United States Courthouse”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 5060, to redesignate the Federal building located at 212 Third Avenue

South in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Bargain-price options: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2220, to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6912**

Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1466, to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6913**

Blackwell Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S6880–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022. **Page S6875**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations. **Page S6895**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 1, 2022. **Page S6915**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 365), Camille L. Velez-Rive, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 363), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 366), Anne M. Nardacci, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 364), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 367), Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

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81 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

108 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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Messages from the House: **Page S6900**

Measures Referred: **Page S6900**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6911**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—367) **Pages S6871–72, S6880, S6888**

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 7:36 p.m., on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. **Page S6913**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., and reconvened at 7:36 p.m., on the same day, and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6915.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ELECTRONIC WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on electronic warfare from Department of Defense officials.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be a Member, and to be Vice Chairperson, who was introduced by Senator Crapo, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be a Member, who was introduced by former Senator Corker, all of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Kimberly Ann McClain, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work, focusing on the private sector perspective, after receiving testimony from David Bauer, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and Jonathan Levy, EVgo, both of Washington, D.C.; Matt Stanberry, Highland Electric Fleets, Beverly, Massachusetts; Ali Mills, Plum Contracting, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; and Gary W. Johnson, Land and Quarry Granite Construction Company, Cedar Park, Texas, on behalf of the National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association.

TRADE POLICY IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges for trade policy in the digital economy, after receiving testimony from Christine Bliss, Coalition of Services Industries, David Feith, Center for a New American Security, Joshua P. Meltzer, Brookings Institution, and Patrick Woodall, AFL–CIO Technology Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, who was introduced by Senator Portman,